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The reasons behind the recent appointment of YEH Chien-ying as the future head of a military government in Kwangtung are three-fold:

- a. YEH, who is not a "fighting" general, has been given several important posts, including the mayoralty of Peiping and the command of the Peiping Military Control Commission. The "fighting" generals who had not been rewarded in this fashion were greatly dissatisfied. This was especially true of LIN Piao and NIEH Jung-chen. The transfer of YEH from Peiping to Kwangtung is calculated to alleviate this situation. NIEH Jung-chen has been given YEH's post as Mayor of Peiping.
- b. YEH has held the position of Chief of Staff to CHU Teh. The two have been on terms of intimate friendship. YEH is a Hakka from Canton and so is CHU Teh, although the latter was largely brought up in Szechuan. MAO Tse-tung has wished to break up this combination, and he has assigned YEH to the South and CHU Teh is to remain in Central China.
- c. YEH was an instructor at the Whampoa Military Academy at the time of the graduation of the first class. He later served as a brigade commander under LI Chi-shen and was one-time Chief of Staff to CHANG Fa-k'uei. Although none of these was a position of any great importance, the Communists believe that YEH will have connections with important Cantonese leaders. They hope specifically that YEH will be in a position to turn YU Han-mou against the Kuomintang.

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